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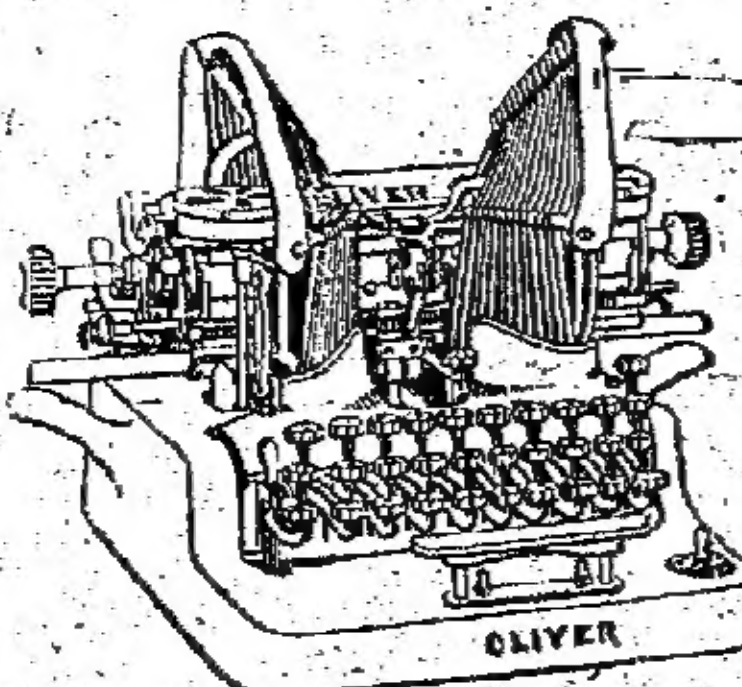
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BLAKE.—At Dundee, Scotland, on the 10th May, 1908, (JANU) the dearly beloved Mother of J. J. BLAKE, aged 64 years.

BLAKE.—At Telokong, West Coast of Africa, on the 17th May, 1908, WILLIAM CHARLES BLAKE, late 1. M. Customs, China, the dearly beloved Brother of J. J. BLAKE, aged 43 years.

North China papers please copy.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Indrapura not cleared on this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, June 23.—

Noon—Auction of Manilla Cigars, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

3 p.m.—Auction of Diamond Rings, Earrings, Brooches, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

SATURDAY, June 27.—

Goods per Trieste undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, June 29.—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 8, Blue Buildings (Top Floor).

Goods per Calcutta undelivered after this date subject to rent.

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TUESDAY, June 30.—

Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

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NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

Orders for extra copies of the 'China Mail' should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day after publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Cash 10 cts, Credit 20 cts, per copy.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, should be sent to our Office at 5 Wyndham Street not later than 11 a.m. New Advertisements should be sent to our Office at 5, Queen's Road Central before 8 p.m.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until commanded.

Telephone Address: Mail, Hongkong. Telephone No. 22.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1908.

BUDDHISM IN CHINA.

A notice recently came to our notice in which it was stated that seven men and women, priests and nuns, professing the Buddhist faith, have been brought from the Luchau district to Canton, in order to be examined by the officials as to the doings of some priests of a "certain country" that are preaching Buddhism in the interior. It is worthy of note that whenever Japan is referred to by the Chinese press, or perhaps to be well within the truth, generally when Japan is referred to, it is spoken of as a "certain country." All this is well understood, but the subterfuge is used, presumably, in order that the writers may escape the possible charge of referring to the country in question in such a way as to bring upon themselves the ire of the Consuls. It seems difficult to explain the strange acrobatic performance of the writers, the reference is most certainly to Japan, and the bringing of these people down to Canton from the interior suggests that the officials are at their wits' end to know

how to deal with the claims of Japan to religion. Whether the officials will be successful in their attempt at resistance remains to be seen. Japan, we suspect, will not find it very difficult to show the Chinese that her people have as much right to be missionaries as those of any other nationality, and if they elect to preach Buddhism instead of Christianity, that is a choice that need not bar their way into China, if they desire to enter the country. If Buddhism is to be in any sense the religion of the people, it is certainly true that there is plenty of room for its improvement as it is understood and practised by the Chinese to-day; on the other hand, if the Chinese are Buddhist, why should it be necessary that preachers of another race should come amongst them in order to preach the faith which has been received for nearly nineteen hundred years. The situation is one of interest for the thinker and the observer of the times.

It is likely that, if China possessed means of collecting and publishing statistics that were thoroughly reliable, whether compiled in Peking or in the distant provinces, giving figures showing the ravages of plague, pestilence and famine, the result would be sufficiently startling. We note in an out of the way corner of a native journal a statement that plague in the Sam Shui district has invaded the District Magistrate's Yamen (a fact, by the way, daily reported by our correspondent) and that within the official precincts there had been several deaths from the disease and, moreover, that the Magistrate himself and his principal secretary were plague-stricken with the result that official business in the district has been suspended. This may be taken as indicating that in that section of the province there is a very serious outbreak of the terrible disease. This is interesting in that it suggests that the disease may be working great havoc in parts of China but that nothing will be known of it unless some notability is attacked.

Tidings of widespread disaster occasioned by floods in a central area of the adjacent province continue to reach the Colony; where scenes that must needs appeal to the minds of the compassionate are well depicted in the native journals. It is stated that an influential deputation of landed gentry from the Tsung Yuen districts visited Canton yesterday for the purpose of consulting the native benevolent society in the provincial city with regard to the measures of relief rendered requisite by the overwhelming calamity that has overtaken large areas of country bordering on this section of the North river. The statement is that during the past two days the bursting of some of the principal dykes in Tsung Yuen and the neighbouring district of Sam Shui has rendered large numbers of people for the time homeless, and deprived them of all means of support. There appears to be ample room and much need for the most speedy and timely endeavours on the part of the Benevolent Society if the people are to be delivered from the more immediate consequences of the devastating flood. From Fatsan intelligence has been forwarded that through the bursting of an embankment and the inundation that immediately followed, the railway at a point on the Fatsan Shuam section was submerged and has accordingly ceased working. Perhaps the direful nature of the catastrophe is no where more graphically described than in the accounts of the measures taken to avert the threatening flood. Wherever an embankment shows signs of weakness the villagers within it are summoned to the spot by beat of gong—terror-stricken they toil with the energy of madness to save their fields and houses, but no sooner is the wet pile of earth and stone which forms the dyke strengthened in one place than it is endangered in another. The current rushes madly on watched with the utmost anxiety by men and women whose homes and means of living depend on their vigilance. Day and night the struggle continues, the people fighting for dear life against the inexorable forces that seem ready to wrest from them, at any moment, all that to them makes life worth living. Among the best things of the new time will be the means of modifying, if not removing entirely, the cause of the flood and drought in the Kwang Tung Delta.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The latest despatch from Amman states that Dr. Sun Yat Sen has left for Europe.

We are informed by the Chairman of the Civil Service Club that George Murray who was fined for being disorderly at the Club is not a member and that he entered the premises unlawfully.

A verdict of death due to natural causes was returned at an inquest, at the Magistrate's this afternoon, on the body of Eric Nilsson, a Swede, who died whilst being detained in prison.

Pitman's Shorthand Speed Committee for Hongkong are to hold a speed examination, at 60, 80 and 100 words a minute tests, on Tuesday evening, at the Technical Institute, Queen's College, commencing at 6 p.m.

We understand that a subscription list in connection with the Bandmann Italian Opera Company proposal has been lost between D'Aguiar Street and the Dairy Farm. Anyone finding the same is requested to return it to Messrs. Monte's and Company.

We understand from Mr. Lau Chu Pak that his resignation from the Public Dispensaries was not due to any dissatisfaction among the street committees nor were the latter held responsible for the dumping of dead bodies. Mr. Lau resigned because he could not spare sufficient time for so many public duties.

A summons was issued against William W. Wilson, this afternoon, for not attending at the Magistrate, as a jurymen on an inquest. The Magistrate, Mr. J. H. Kemp, said that was the third time such a thing had happened during the last few weeks and unless he apologised the same day of gave a reasonable excuse for his absence, a heavy fine would have to be imposed.

During the recent great storm at Tokyo the wife of an official of the Communications Department was struck by lightning and killed in her residence, Kita Igy-cho, Yotsuya. While she was watching the weather from the verandah, a tall tree in the garden was struck by lightning and her steel hair-pin caught the electric current, resulting in the aforesaid tragedy.

No indication is observable, yet, of the Judicial Reform which China was supposed to be about to introduce in 1908 and which were promised fresh in the Treaty of 1902, says the annual report of the China Association. The latest rumour is that H. E. Wu Ting-fang has been commissioned to draw up a scheme during his tenure of the Chinese Legation in the United States.

Mrs. Rogers, of 30 Queen's Road East, had the unpleasant experience of being awakened about one o'clock one night, or rather morning, by someone knocking at her door. She had the disturbance of the peace of the neighbourhood. William Waterbury, arrested. He was let out on bail in the sum of \$10 but did not appear at the Magistrate to-day, and consequently forfeited the amount of his bail.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Clelland, Miss Parke and Miss Binn, the latter lady being the pianist, will take part in a concert at the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon, to-night.

Mr. J. H. Kemp is to address a few valedictory remarks to Inspector W. Warnock, who has just retired on pension from the Police Force, at the Magistrate's on Friday morning.

On Tuesday afternoon, His Excellency and staff, accompanied by Mr. Eves and Mr. Griffin, visited the south face of the Beacon Hill Tunnel and the various construction works along the line to Kowloon, and the Praya reclamation works.

Mr. George Branson Roa, M. E., Proprietor of the "Far Eastern Review," published at Manila, is at present in the Colony, with his family, on his way to Manila. Mr. Roa has been in America for some time on business, and is now returning to develop the well-known engineering and commercial review which he publishes.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Mr. Robert Mann, Chief Engineer of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship, Nihko Maru, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the insignia of the Bath Order of the Order of the Rising Sun, conferred upon him by His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

The King has granted unto E. G. Lovier, Esq., a commissioner in the Chinese Imperial Customs Service, his Majesty's royal licence and authority to accept and wear the insignia of the First Class, Third Division, of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of China, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him, and unto L. O. Bateman, Esq., his Majesty's royal licence and authority to accept and wear the insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Crown of Siam, and to A. G. Loftus, Esq., licence and authority to accept and wear the insignia of the Fifth Class of the same Order, which decorations have been conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered by them.

TROUBLE IN PERSIA.

PARLIAMENT ANGRYS THE SHAH.

Parliament House Bombarded.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

London, June 23.

A telegram from Teheran states that friction between the Shah and the newly created Parliament has culminated in bloodshed.

The Parliament sent an ultimatum to His Majesty in regard to various reforms which they demanded.

In response the Shah sent a detachment of Cossacks who surrounded the Parliament House and demanded the surrender of the reform leaders.

The Parliament refused to give up the leaders and the officials opened fire on the Cossacks.

Artillery was sent for and fired upon the Parliament buildings from nine to ten o'clock in the evening.

No details have yet been sent through.

THE AMERICAN FLEET.

MORE OFFICIALS APPOINTED TO RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, June 23.

Tao-tai Mak Shun Kin, of Chili Province, has been instructed by the Viceroy to serve on the Reception Committee for the American fleet.

The Tao-tai has left here for Amoy.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, June 23.

Regarding the Yunnan frontier question the demands from France as reported here are:

(1)—Concession to be given to France for the Taiyuan-Annam Railway.

(2)—Dismissal of Sik Liang the Governor of Yunnan.

(3)—An indemnity of \$200,000.

(4)—Compensation for damage done to Annam Railway.

CHEER UP!

"Nil Desperandum," writing from Hongkong to the London Daily Mail, says:—Japan at the present moment has two advantages over the rest of the world, neither of which is likely to be permanent—these are Government subsidies and cheap production. Subsidies are merely another way of expressing loss, and cheap production depends on cost of living. As elsewhere, this is rapidly rising in Japan. Therefore, provided we are ready to adapt ourselves to altered conditions, and produce the best possible quality at the lowest possible price, we need not lose heart.

THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD.

A Company Formed.

The Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company of Hongkong was registered in London on May 23 with a capital of £800,000 in shares of £100 each.

The objects of the company are to adopt an agreement with John Swire and Sons, and to carry on at Hongkong the business of dock-owners, mechanical and marine engineers.

The subscribers are:—Sir Edwin D. Lawrence, Bart., 13, Carlton House Terrace, S.W.; R. D. Holt, 1, India Buildings, Liverpool; C. O. Scott, Greenock; W. J. Thomson, 38, Mincing Lane, E.C.; John Swire, 8, Billiter Square, E.C.; G. Warren Swire, 8, Billiter Square, E.C.; J. H. Scott, 8, Billiter Square, E.C., each of whom takes one share.

There is no initial public issue. Messrs. John Swire and Sons, of London, are general managers, and Butterfield and Swire are agents in Hongkong. The registered office of the company is at 8, Billiter Square, E.C.

WHAT IS THE POPULATION?

Government Departments Differ.

At the Sanitary Board meeting on the presentation of its mortality statistics Mr. Shelton Hooper called attention to the estimated population, as stated at each being 211,000, whilst the estimate given by the returns issued by the Water Authority on June 1 this year is 207,700, whereas last year that authority gave 230,100.

It is difficult to reconcile these figures. In the first place, according to the Water Authority 30,000 persons have gone away during the past twelve months and the Health Authorities place the population at about 600,000 more on June 1 than they estimated by the Water Authority.

The Hon. Director of Public Works and the Medical Officer of Health have endeavored to explain how they arrived at their figures but the members of the Board did not seem to be able to determine which figures were correct. It would be interesting to hear what the Police estimate is.

THERE is nothing like the famous 'Wine of God' Liver Oil for treating the whole system.

INDIAN BOMB
OUTRAGES.COLLEGE DIRECTOR IM-
PLICATED.

Arrested in Chandernagore.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)

London, June 23.

The "Morning Post" reports that the French officials at Chandernagore, the French settlement on the Hooghly, 17 miles north of Calcutta, have arrested and surrendered to the British authorities, Gupta, the Director of the Duplex College who is alleged to have been actively concerned in the operations of a bomb factory.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

London, June 23.

Bombs thrown at an East Bengal train near Barrackpore, wrecked a compartment, and grievously injured the occupants, including two Europeans.

CHINESE SEAMEN IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM.

London, June 23.

The language regulations in reference to Chinese seamen referred to by Mr. Churchill on the 13th instant, have been issued, and the Board of Trade is communicating with the Colonial Office in reference to facilities for providing natives of the Colonies and protectorates, especially the Straits and Hongkong, with birth certificates.

RUSSIA.

London, June 22.

St. Petersburg reports that the Financial Committee of the Council of the Empire, have re-inserted in the budget, the credit of eleven million roubles for new battleships originally rejected by the Duma.

A NEW STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

London, June 22.

Victoria and New South Wales are about to invite tenders for a steamship service to Shanghai.

THE MACEDONIAN QUES-
TION.

London, June 22.

Sir Edward Grey, replying to Mr. H. F. Lynch, Liberal Member for Biron, said that Great Britain and Russia are in agreement on the question of Macedonian affairs, but that the other powers had not yet been consulted.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

CHINA'S CONSTITUTION.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

Peking, June 23.

In Sir Muir, who is now investigating the system of Government in Germany, wired on the 19th to the effect that he had been granted an audience with the Emperor of Germany. His Majesty said that he was extremely glad to give all assistance in his power to afford information relating to China's future constitution; but has pointed out that the system of Government in Germany while applicable in his country cannot be entirely so in China.

RAUB CRUSHING.

Messrs E. S. Kadoorie and Co. are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore informing them that the result of the crushing of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd., for the past period of four weeks, yielded 995 ozs. gold, from 5,722 tons stone.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

In the annual report of the China Association the following paragraph on the opium question occurs: "It is too soon to form an opinion as to the ultimate effect of the Edict decreeing the abolition of opium smoking and production, and the Association has held consistently aloof from the controversy involved. But the necessity of upholding treaty obligations rendered action imperative when attempts were made to form Government monopolies for the sale of the drug. By Article V. of the British Treaty of Nanking the Government of China expressly agreed to abolish 'at all ports where British merchants may reside' the practice of compelling British merchants to deal exclusively with certain Chinese merchants called Hong Merchants (Y. Co. Hong), who had been licensed by the Chinese Government for this purpose." And Article XIV. of the French Treaty of Tientsin lays down still more emphatically that no privileged commercial association shall hereafter be established in China, nor any position of monopoly granted to any individual or company. The Chinese Government has yielded to the protests which its action evoked, but the attempt should have been made in not with- out significance.

A QUESTION OF SHARES.

The Duties of an Administrator.

An action by To Kuu, a widow of 22, Cause Road, to restrain H. P. Smith, administrator of the estate of the late Tong Ping E, from declaring that 260 shares in the Central Stores Limited, did not form part of the estate and for an injunction restraining defendant from representing to the directors thereof, that the said shares were part of the estate, and that the accounts of the dividends and interests be made up and paid to the plaintiff, came before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, at the Supreme Court today.

Mr M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr P. M. Hodgson, appeared for the plaintiff, and the Hon. Mr H. E. Pollock, K. C., instructed by Mr. Cresswell Smith was for the administrator. The Central Stores Ltd., were represented, being neutral in the matter.

Mr Slade, in opening the case, said that Tong Ping E, the deceased, had been living with the plaintiff, as she was his second concubine for about twenty-nine years. About ten months or so before his death he gave her the shares in question. He executed the transfers and signed his name in the presence of witnesses, or rather, he fancied he had signed his name, and called in witnesses in their presence acknowledged his name. It was a good execution and he gave these shares to plaintiff as a provision for her.

She had the shares and transfers in her possession for a considerable time, absolutely in her custody. Sometimes in 1893 plaintiff went to Shanghai from Hongkong, and she left the shares with the deceased in order that he might pay a call on them which was nearly due when she left. The deceased died so and afterwards went to his home in the country, apparently taking the shares with him. Shortly afterwards he died quite unexpectedly, and the plaintiff after hearing of his death, went to the country house of the deceased, where the other wives, who knew of the transaction, because he had informed them of it and had also told them that none of the estate in the country would go to her, handed the shares and certificates to the plaintiff, who returned to Hongkong, but when the shares which had been blank, were filled in and sent for registration it was refused. About this time a family meeting was held in the country, and according to the Chinese custom of settling the property together to prove it, the estate was allotted out to the several members of the family, amongst whom were three sons, all infants. There were three copies of the papers made and handed to the mothers of the sons. The papers had been drawn up by the first wife.

Mr Pollock—Surely that cannot be relevant to the present claim? Mr Slade—I will try to show that it is relevant. It was done in the presence of the members of the family, and others and guests. The deceased did leave instructions with his family before his death for the division of the property.

Mr Pollock—I also object to that as being irrelevant. Continuing, Mr Slade said the administrator in his action had been most unreasonable. Statements by the deceased against himself were evidence against himself. His Lordship "What attitude does the administrator take up?"

Mr Pollock—We require the action to be proved, that is that she is not entitled to the declaration she asks for as she is not the owner of the property. Mr Slade said the division papers drawn up in that manner dealt with the whole of the property of the deceased and provided for the members of the family required to be provided for out of the property of the deceased. The shares were not dealt with in these papers, as they were known to the family not to belong to the deceased at the time of his death.

Mr Pollock—These division papers have been concocted for this case. They are not pleaded. Mr Slade—It is part of my evidence. Mr Pollock—My friend is laying tremendous stress on these documents. His Lordship "I don't consider the duties of an administrator more serious as regards infants than adults."

Mr Pollock—Oh, yes, my Lord. An administrator is liable to an action by the infants, whereas it is not so in the case of adults.

His Lordship—I quite agree with you. Mr Slade, continuing, said that in the will there was no reference to the shares. Deceased there mentioned his house which was the only other property which he had in Hongkong.

Evidence was then called. The case was adjourned.

PLAQUE DECREASED.

The President of the Sanitary Board, the Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, at the meeting held yesterday evening, said that the members would be pleased to hear that there was a decrease in the number of plague cases during the past three weeks. Mr Shelton Hooper suggested that the Board might get a return of the deaths from plague in the Canton Hospitals, which, he understood was less than in Hongkong. The Board might get it for what it was worth.

THE KOWLOON HOTEL.

Considerable changes have been made at the Kowloon Hotel of late and this well-known house is now entirely renovated and repainted. On Saturday the new private bar and private billiard room will be opened. A public billiard room is in course of construction at the rear of the public bar. The dining room has been enlarged and the gardens have been improved and will be illuminated with electric lights each evening. A new club has been engaged on its arrival light refreshments, including ice-cream and cakes, will be served with afternoon tea on the lawn. No expense has been spared in any direction and the improvements are such as will enhance the popularity of the Hotel. Mr E. Owen, the proprietor, is to be congratulated on the changes he has made. On Saturday next a musical dinner will be given, the band of the 180th Mahatma Light Infantry having been engaged for the occasion.

WEST RIVER AND
PIRACY.

We observe that the Viceroy of the Two Kwang has made further recent representations to Peking regarding the piracy on the English gunboats of the West River. His Excellency urges that the policing of this river—the great waterway of trade in the Southern provinces—should be entirely in the hands of the Chinese authorities and that need no longer exist for English gunboats to enter the waters. He appears to feel keenly the present conditions of piracy, which he regards as humiliating and unbecoming; and asks that the English Minister at Peking be further communicated with and the withdrawal of the gunboats brought about with all possible celerity.

Into the large and important questions which are involved we do not propose to enter. The moment that China is able to convince the Powers concerned that the highways of the Empire, used largely for foreign trade, are protected adequately, interference of the kind from outside will cease. Few things arising out of the relations between China and the West have probably been more salutary in their effects than has the determination which Western Powers have evinced to protect their trade in inland China. Conscious that the Chinese mandarinism is unable or unwilling, in the interests of foreign trade, to keep order, the necessity of taking steps to secure that commerce shall be unimpeded has been forced upon the Powers. The result has been that native officials have had a view of the Western commerce in relation to Government protection, a relation which holds its responsibilities and duties of which the Chinese had previously no keen sense or even clear vision. New ideals and standards have been set before the officials, not only as possible and desirable but also as urgently called for and essential to the maintenance of well ordered control.

It has taken decades to deal in any satisfactory manner with riverine piracy, which, however, had been established and developed for at least a many decades before serious and systematic endeavours at suppression were organized.

Nor will those who know much of the interior of these southern provinces admit for one moment that the provincial Government has shown itself adequate to the proper protection of trade on the land routes or on the waterways. Where the condition of things is settled and law and order are established the reasons are almost always seen to lie among the people inhabiting particular sections of country who have combined together to put down crime and have succeeded, within certain limits, in effecting their object, with little or no aid from the officials who a proper business it is to protect the populace.

In other regions where the dwellers in peaceful-looking villages are in league with evil doers, the latter, whether on land or water, contrive to work their will; scenes of robbery and violence become characteristic of the country-side, and journeying in the interests of commerce becomes perilous. It is because this state of affairs has been about to exist in parts of the districts abutting on the West River that the patrol of the waterways was forced upon Great Britain. When British lives had been lost in piracies on the river and that within recent date, it has to be shown clearly that they are now safe before public opinion will consent to the withdrawal of the existing safeguards.

SPORTING.

Home Cricket.

FIGURES FOR TO-MORROW.
Leeds, M.C.C. and Cambridge University.
Oval, Surrey v. Oxford University.
Leiston, Essex v. Middlesex.
Derby, Derbyshire v. Worcestershire.
Nottingham, Nottingham v. Yorkshire.
Gloucester, Gloucestershire v. Sussex.
Liverpool, Lancashire v. Somerset.
Worcester, Warwickshire v. Kent.

NEWS BY THE MAIL.

The mail brought details of several interesting matches played between May 24 and 28. After being set 374 to get Middlesex scored 315 for one wicket, E. F. Warner and F. A. Tarrant both getting three figures. On the following day Middlesex declared with nine wickets down for 302 runs, but the match was drawn. Surrey, captained by T. G. Lister, scored 100 and of these E. G. Hynes scored more than half. R. J. Kilgus, as he is now known, the Jan of Nottingham, made his first appearance in English cricket since 1904, playing for the Gentlemen of England against Oxford. He was bowled by H. Gilbert for nine runs. The Gentlemen scored 245 and Oxford replied with 201 for no wickets. T. Bowring scored 106 and H. Tiesdale 60, both not out.

The most noticeable performances were:
BATTING.
F. A. Tarrant, for Middlesex v. Hampshire, 157.
J. A. Cuffe, for Worcester v. M.C.C., 132.
C. B. Llewellyn, for Hampshire v. Middlesex, 130.
R. Roff, for Sussex v. Leicestershire, 128.
W. J. Hill, for Hampshire v. Middlesex, 110.
P. F. Warner, for Middlesex v. Hampshire, 110.
F. H. Mugliston, for Cambridge v. Leicestershire, 109.
T. Bowring, for Oxford v. Gentlemen, 106.
V. P. S. Crawford, for Leicestershire v. Sussex, 106.
*not out.

BOWLING.
Newman, for Hampshire v. Middlesex, 8 for 123.
S. Paig, for Yorks v. Surrey, 6 for 13.
F. Harty, for Lancs v. Cambridge, 6 for 74.
T. Wase, for Notts v. Gloucester, 6 for 70.
W. J. Hill, for Hampshire v. Middlesex, 6 for 82.
G. Simpson, Hayward, for Worcester v. Somerset, 5 for 48.
T. J. Jones, for Leicestershire v. Surrey, 6 for 58.
*not out.

STEARNS' HEADACHE CURE.—A "quick cure" for headache of all kinds. Contains no opiates. Yet it must be Stearns'. All chemists. Why not try it?

SANITARY BOARD.

Conveniences at Kowloon.

MR. SHELTON HOOPER AND THE GOVERNMENT.

The Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday evening when there were present the Hon. Mr W. Chalmers, D. F. W., Hon. Mr Irving, Hon. Mr H. W. Slade, Captain Lyons, Messrs Shelton Hooper, Lau Chi Pak, Fung Wa Chun, Dr. Pearce, Mr. O. H. Dr. Macfarlane, Assistant M. O. H. and the secretary, Mr C. Mc Messer.

A reply from the Government with regard to permitting water closets at Kowloon was read as follows:—Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th June, 1908.—Sir, With reference to your letter of the 14th ultimo, and to previous correspondence on the subject of the recent decision of the Sanitary Board to allow closets in certain buildings in Kowloon, I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Board that in view of the importance of the question of the further introduction of the water closets in the Colony and of the adverse medical and other expert opinion to such introduction, H. E. the Governor has deemed it prudent to amend section 162 of Ordinance L of 1903 by the insertion of the words "and the consent of the Governor-in-Council" after the words "without the permission of the Board."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.—F. H. May.

Mr Shelton Hooper said—Sir, I think that individual members of the Board would be wanting in self-respect if they allowed this letter to pass this Board without comment. After reading the letter Mr Hooper proceeded—It is well that His Excellency should know the history of the action of the Sanitary Board in this matter. An application was made for a water closet in a house in Kowloon. That was the first application not having become general. The Board said they would like to go into the whole question and be advised on the principle as to whether we should have them or not. A committee was formed composed of the Hon. Director of Public Works, myself, and the Hon. Medical Officer of Health, and we considered the subject being so important that we should ascertain the opinions of medical men and civil engineers. Accordingly we sent out circulars to most of the medical men and civil engineers of the Colony. We received those views and I am quite prepared to admit that the majority were against the introduction of water closets and the reasons given were that the Harbour might become polluted and that roots of trees might destroy the drains which would become insanitary and perhaps spread disease. Notwithstanding this adverse opinion the committee, viewing it from a hygienic point of view but from the point of expediency and looking at the precedent which had been set by the Government with regard to a similar committee appointed for a similar purpose in 1895 or 1896 we came to the conclusion that we were not adverse to the principle of water closets but that every application should come before the Board in the same way that has always been done and be dealt with on its merits. It seems to me that to take away from the Board, composed of ten by repute intelligent men—two of them members of the Executive Council, four members of the Legislative Council, four sitting here ex-officio as holding high offices in the Government, and two Europeans nominated by His Excellency, one of whom is supposed to look after the sanitation of the troops in this Colony—the Principal Medical Officer—it may be thought that these men would not be actuated by any other motives than that of the general good of the Colony in dealing with my applications that came before the Board. Therefore I am sure that we must feel it a slight on the Board that so simple a matter should be taken away from our consideration, and what I think perhaps accentuated the feeling, we bear in the language used by the Hon. Colonial Secretary in the Legislative Council in which he charged this Board with acting in defiance of the medical opinion of this Colony. Now, on turning to the time when this committee's report came before the Board for adoption or otherwise, I find that the Hon. Director of Public Works was absent, but we may take it he supported it as it was his recommendation as chairman of that committee. Mr Lau Chi Pak was present, Mr Humphreys, myself and Mr Slade and Colonel Martin, Principal Military Medical Officer of South China. They all supported it, the Registrar General and myself voting against it, the Captain Superintendent of Police and Mr Fung Wa Chun being absent. I say we did not go against the medical opinion of this Colony by the fact that Colonel Martin supported the adoption of the report. I will now ask leave to refer to the report of the Committee appointed by the Sanitary Board to consider the question of the advisability of adopting the system of water closets in the city of Victoria. They adopted a similar course to ours and sent out circulars which contained twenty-five questions and I would just briefly refer to the answers given by several medical men and that of the Assistant Harbour master. After reading several extracts showing that the writers favoured the introduction of water closets, Mr Hooper continued—I have quoted these opinions to show what, in 1895, was the opinion of an important section of the community on this subject. To-day the opinion is in a far better condition than it was then and our water supply very much superior. If you take the water supply of Kowloon, the actual place in question, it is far better and of greater quantity per head than we have in Victoria. I have made these remarks in order to justify the action

which has been taken by this Board, and for the information of His Excellency, who, I am afraid, has been ill advised in taking the action he has in depriving us of a portion of our duties given to us entirely by law. I challenge any member of the Government, from His Excellency downwards, and I ask you to support it, to point out one case in which we have abused these powers. I do not propose any resolution but I would ask if the Press do report it that a copy may be sent from this Board to the Government.

CHINA SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting in London.

(From Our Correspondent.)

London, May 20.

The members of the China Society in London gathered with their friends in the Empire Rooms of the Troopship Restaurant last night and celebrated their second annual dinner. There was a preliminary reception by the Chinese Minister, Lord Li Ching T'ung, who, as President, presided at the dinner.

There were also present in the gathering His Excellency Wan-tai-Sieh, formerly Minister in London and now special Commissioner to study Western Administrative Methods, Count Mutsu, Mr J. McLeavy Brown, Mr Ivan Chen, Sir Charles Dudgeon, Admiral Sir E. Fremantle, Sir Thomas Jackson, Lady Pelly, Lady Cameron, Mrs. Forrester, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Pirks, Mrs. Jordan, Miss J. Hanan, Messrs C. Allen, C. S. Addis, H. J. Allen, Angier, A. W. Bain, J. C. Bois, R. H. Boyce, Byron Brennan, T. B. Brennan, T. Brown, Bullock, Burdett, Baskin, Crammer-Byng, Carter, O. Y. Chow, Dr. Cantlie, O. Coughtrie, De Linde, De Bertolano, D'Almeida, J. C. Dodwell, Elbert, Everard, H. A. Giles, L. Giles, McGregor Grant, Hartley, H. Harwood, C. Hansen, Hillier, R. Hill, Honda, S. Y. Hsu, George Jamieson, Dr. Johnson, J. Joseph, W. E. King, L. C. Leung, J. S. Mackintosh, F. J. Marshall, Mayers, E. R. P. Moon, Mynors, Rev. George Owen, Dr. Reid, Rayner, R. L. Richardson, T. W. Richardson, B. Robertson, H. W. Robertson, Salinger, Sakata, Sharpe, C. K. Shen, B. C. E. Scott, W. Brayton Shaker, J. H. Scott, Silverman, J. de B. Smith, Socter, Stockwell, Tomkinson, Townsend, B. G. Tours, Ward and A. Zimmerman.

Grace was pronounced by the Rev. George Owen and an excellent dinner was served. Then Lord Li proposed in turn the toasts of "The King" and "His Imperial Majesty the Chinese Emperor" in a few well-chosen words. His Excellency was an acquiescent. It is not doubt that Wang-tai-sieh, his predecessor, who sat by his side, last night, was a shrewd diplomat, but his lack of English made him little more than a figure head at social functions, whereas Lord Li with his command of our tongue and his urbane manner makes an ideal host. He has a most popular supporter in his Chief Secretary, Ivan Chen, who has a ready fund of witty that I find delightful at all these meetings.

Lord Li then proposed the toast of prosperity to the China Society in felicitous language, commenting on the advance of communications between London and Peking and the usefulness of the Society in making the people of Great Britain and of China understand each other.

Mr Geo. Jamieson gave the health of the Chinese Minister who had recently come among them with a record of achievements already great and an added reputation as a member of the great family to which the late Li Hung Chang belonged. Mr Jamieson further eulogized the Chinese progressive movement, and foretold great advances till China took a prominent place among the nations of the world.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured and then Mr Jamieson gained fresh applause by proposing the health of Mr. Byron Brennan, the popular honorary secretary, who was "the guiding spirit of the Society." Mr Brennan had a great reception and spoke enthusiastically of the progress of the society.

Mr Jamieson announced that, through the kind influence of Wang-tai-sieh, the Society had reached the notice of the Emperor of China and his Majesty had ordered a complete Imperial Edition of nearly 4000 volumes of the Chinese Encyclopedia to be sent as a token of recognition. He called upon Mr Ivan Chen to make a statement as to the progress of the Society.

Mr Ivan Chen was very well received and responded in a charming speech of wit and wisdom. He detailed the gifts made to the Society and spoke of the importance of the Chinese Encyclopedia. In future when correspondents asked him such questions as "What is the origin of the Chinese-Mandarin duck?" he would not confess his ignorance but would refer them to the Encyclopedia. During the year they had added 26 new members, but had lost some by resignation and "some had gone away for ever." The present total was 220 and they had a balance in hand of £83.

The report was adopted and the officers of the Society were re-elected. There was a merry hour or so of chat before the company dispersed.

AN AUSTRALIAN-COMMERCIAL
TRAVELLER'S STORY.

IT is the commercial traveller who finds what the many changes of climate and water trying. Mr. Chas. O. Chapman, who represents a large Brisbane concern, had been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. One of his trips a fellow-traveller recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and this is what he says of it: "I procured a bottle and experienced great relief after taking a few doses. Before the bottle was finished I was cured and have not been troubled since." This remedy is for sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE CANTON FLOOD.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, June 23.

Relief parties have left here for the up river districts with large quantities of rice and mat bags. The Cheap Rice Distribution Bureau has been most energetic in making more preparations for the demands of the sufferers. Owing to strong currents steam launches have found it difficult to proceed further North and it will be some time before the relief parties reach the chief scene of distress.

The capsizing of two passenger junks running between Suiwan and Shao Hing is reported and it is stated that several hundred deaths have occurred.

The Sanatui Magistrate has sent an urgent request to the Viceroy for relief. Thousands of persons are homeless in his districts.

An embankment which protected more than 100 villages gave way during the flood and the inhabitants have been deprived of their homes, and some were drowned.

The charitable institutions met here yesterday for the purpose of raising relief funds. The proposal that invitations be made for public subscriptions under the auspices of the Seventy-two Guilds has been adopted. It was also resolved to join the business guilds in a petition to the Viceroy requesting him to memorialize the throne for relief funds. It was further agreed to invite members of the various guilds to serve on a committee for the immediate distribution of rice and the preparation of other affairs in connection with relief work. A request has also been made to the Tung Wah Hospital, Hongkong, for assistance and to other charitable institutions abroad. It is estimated that over 1,000,000 persons are suffering at present.

Relief Work.

Just as the directors of the Tung Wah Hospital were being approached by some philanthropic compatriots of theirs with a view to raising a fund for the relief of the poor sufferers in the villages of the north and west rivers, whose fields are still under water and whose homes have been washed away two telegrams were received from the charitable institutions and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Canton, one appealing for immediate assistance and the other asking if the Tung Wah Hospital would co-operate by enlisting the sympathy of the Chinese abroad.

Accordingly yesterday evening at 7.30 a meeting of the leading Chinese merchants and public men was convened to discuss the matter. Shortly after the meeting started another telegram from Canton was received requesting that two hundred piculs of biscuits should be purchased and sent up by the night boats without delay. At the meeting it was resolved to send out subscription lists at once, and pending the collection of subscriptions a sum of \$10,000 from the balance of the Californian Relief Fund should be telegraphed to Canton immediately. The meeting was informed that the distress is very widely spread and of a very serious nature, the like of which has never been seen before. As compared with what took place a few days ago it is a much greater calamity and will require a much larger sum of money for the relief of the unfortunate people.

PROPOSED SWIMMING CLUB
IN CANTON.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, June 23.

The European community here propose establishing a swimming club and the following prospectus has been issued:—It is proposed to form a Swimming Club on the British concession, the site for which would have to be obtained through the Municipal Council from H.B.M. Board of Works.

In order to commence, and prior to going any further into the details of the scheme, it is necessary to know what will be the support obtainable to meet expenses.

The intended scheme is hardly one on which a lost hour could be wasted, considering the recreation, comfort and physical benefit which the scheme would confer, will subscribe thereto. It would be also very desirable that firms assist by subscribing, the investment being a reasonable one, especially if it is considered that the population of the Foreign Concessions of Canton is increasing yearly with every prospect of continuing to do so.

It is proposed that the Club should be established on the customary basis of Clubs, i.e. members duly elected by a Committee, etc., only such persons as are, holders of at least one share, as mentioned below, being eligible for election. However, as the character of the scheme is, above all, intended to benefit the community, the Committee would endeavour to make suitable arrangements, permitting non-members to attend themselves of the swimming bath at specified times and at reasonable charges, and a moderate amount, raised in this manner, has been taken into account in the estimate of revenue.

Building.—The cost of the building is likely to be some \$20,000, which sum it is proposed to raise in 200 shares of £100 each, bearing interest at 6% per annum.

The expenses and revenue are estimated on the following basis:—\$20,000 6 per cent \$1200; supply of water from waterworks @ \$250 per month \$3000; General Expenses, \$1000. Total \$5200. Subscription of say 100 members @ \$50 per annum \$5000; of 20 ladies @ \$25 per annum \$500. Municipal contribution for fire purpose \$600. Non-Members making use of the bath \$250. Total \$8200.

Should the above estimate of revenue prove correct, provision would be made for the redemption of a certain number of shares every year, preference being given to those shares held by firms, or individuals not making actual use of the bath. Messrs. Richards, Robertson, and Spalding, have volunteered to act as starting Committee.

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Things are evidently pretty bad in Penang. The "Straits Echo" of recent date says: "We regret to have to record the failure of three local firms. These are two Chinese firms and one Kling firm. One Chinese firm and the Kling firm were goods dealers and the other Chinese trader was a general storekeeper. The Kling firm failed for \$40,000, but the liabilities of the other two are not yet known."

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